

## **Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on**

**Tuesday, 2nd April, 2013**

### **Present:**

Mr. J.H. John, Chairman

Mr. W.B. Davies

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. W.D. Merriman

Mrs. C. Knox

Mr. H. Bates

Mr. L. Jones

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice

Councillor D. Cole

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

No members of the public present

### **1712. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. T. Rees. Mr. A. Hamilton and Mr. M. Jones were absent.

### **1713. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

### **1714. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March, 2013.**

Approved.

### **1715. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1705 Gypsy/Traveller Consultation. Arising out of recent research for the gypsy/traveller consultation Members were updated and informed that there was enough space at the cemetery in Kingsbridge for a further 25 more years before it reached its capacity. Additionally, it was also understood that the Manager of Toyoda Gosei had submitted a letter of objection to Swansea Council as part of the consultation exercise.

Minute 1708 Hanging baskets/flowers. The Secretary informed Members that Swansea Council Parks Department had assessed the location and agreed to place flowers on the legs of the Grovesend sign entering from the Gorseinon direction.

### **1716. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice update Members on the following items:

i) PC Andy Given would circulate letters in the next few days on behalf of the Police to all residents along Coalbrook Road and High Street asking people to park their cars in a sensible manner and not to block the pavement to pedestrians. It was acknowledged by the Police that parking on the pavement was a major problem throughout the Swansea area; however, it was not illegal unless the vehicle was blocking the pavement.

ii) The cycle track from Grovesend to Gorseinon had been cleared recently of overgrowth with access being greatly improved.

iii) The Highways Department had confirmed recently that the pavement through Coalbrook Road/High Street would be re-surfaced during the current financial year.

iv) A public information road-show was coming to the area to promote and explain the proposed tidal lagoon for Swansea Bay. This would be open to anyone as part of the consultation exercise.

### **1717. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

### **1718. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.**

None.

### **1719. Appointment of Community Councillor to Welfare Hall Scheme Trustees.**

Members discussed a letter from the Trustees of the Welfare Hall inviting a representative of the Community Council to join the Trustees. As a Trustee himself, Mr. D. Merriman informed Members that the current number of Trustees was five, however, it was soon expected that the number would reduce to three.

Resolved: Following a discussion and Members noting that Mr. Merriman and Mr. Bates were already Trustees there were no expressions of interest.

### **1720. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported on the following items:

i) The grass cutting contract for 2013/14 for the area of land at the junction of Box Road and Pentre Road had been received. The cost for seven cuts for the coming year was £500.

Resolved: To renew the contract for a further year.

ii) One Voice Wales were holding their first conference on 17th April, 2013 at the Liberty Stadium. The key topics of discussion were devolution of services from unitary authorities, the power of well-being and sustainability in our communities.

Resolved: To note the event.

iii) The One Voice Wales Membership for 2013/14 was due for renewal at a cost of £104 for the year.

Resolved: To renew the Membership for a further year.

iv) The Open Spaces Society Membership for 2013/14 was due for renewal at a cost of £45 for the year.

Resolved: To renew the Membership for a further year.

**1721. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.**

i) Mr. B. Williams informed Members that there were two road signs missing from Waungron. One was the black and white directional chevron sign indicating a sharp bend ahead and the second was the Waungron sign itself.

Resolved: That the Secretary would report the missing signs to the Highways Department with a request for replacements.

ii) Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that following a visit to Rhydgoch cemetery he noticed that the toilet facilities there were filthy.

Resolved: That the Secretary would report this to his counterpart at Pontarddulais Town Council.

Mrs. C. Knox provided her apologies for the May meeting.